

## Saturday Gazette.

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An independent weekly journal of LIBERTY, EDUCATION, POLITICS, GENERAL NEWS, and LOCAL INTERESTS.

All public and local questions, including political and social, sanitary and reformatory, educational and industrial topics will be clearly presented and fully and fairly discussed.

It is intended and expected to make it not only readable and interesting to the general reader, but of special value to citizens of the county and of real importance to every resident of Bloomfield, Montclair and Caldwell.

Nothing will be admitted to its columns that is unworthy of cordial welcome to every family circle.

Scattered Clergymen in the county and all Public School Teachers in the county will receive the paper gratuitously by sending their address.

It should prove a valuable medium for advertisers. Our weekly circulation extends to every part of Essex county, and considerably elsewhere. SUBSCRIPTIONS and ADVERTISEMENTS will be received in Montclair, by E. Madison; in Caldwell, by M. Harrison; in Verona, by W. L. Scott; in Newark, by W. H. Winsor, 445 Broad street, and at our office in Bloomfield, or by mail to W. P. Lyon, Editor, and Proprietor, Bloomfield, N. J.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS

Subscribers who have not paid their subscriptions for the present year will confer a favor by enclosing the same to W. P. Lyon, Bloomfield. The \$2.00 subscription received for the second volume expired on the 14th of Feb. Their renewal requires \$1.75 to be paid, which will run to the end of the present volume in December next.

Any subscriber is entitled to have an extra copy sent to any address, by the payment of \$1.00. We hope many will avail themselves of this offer. Our CALDWELL readers will be gratified with the increased interest for their village which our columns indicate. We hope to receive a large accession to our subscription list there and also in Verona. The Post-masters have consented to take the names and money and forward them to us. We hope our friends everywhere will rally to our support and encouragement by prompt responses.

## PRIMARY MEETING.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS MEETING—FIRST PRINT.

The business transacted at the two political meetings of citizens held week before last created no little dissatisfaction at the time, and as the questions raised were not settled, it seems necessary to recur to them again while the circumstances and bearing of them are fresh in the public mind.

In our issue of the 7th. inst. we think we showed most clearly, in our report of the Primary Meeting, that the accounts, of the town, as read to the meeting, indicate a very loose and unsafe way of keeping and accounting for the large sums of money (over \$80,000) paid into the hands of town officers by its citizens as tax payers. It all goes, in the first instance, into the Collector's hands, for which he of course gives receipts to those who pay him. All the money is in his custody until it is called for by a warrant from the Town Committee, or from the School trustees, or from the Poor Master, or, perhaps, (for we do not know) from the County Controller or Chamberlain. He is not, as far as we can learn, accountable to any one except the citizens at their town meeting, and we all know that he made no report there. The Chairman of the Town Committee informed us that the Committee had no authority over him and that neither the Collector's accounts nor any other of the accounts were audited. The Poor account of \$3,000 voted has been subject to no supervision, or counter check, it being under the sole control and disbursement of the Overseer of the Poor. The Contingent Fund of \$3,500 voted, has been subject to the Town Committee's disposition with no counter check; The Road appropriation of \$10,000 voted, and the Cross-walk of \$300, and the Public Grounds of \$300, and the Side-walk grading of \$1,500 have also been disbursed by the Town Committee with no counter checks and no explanations or detailing expenditures. These are only a few of the accounts, but they are not enough to make good our position that the accounts are loosely kept! We do not for one moment impeach the integrity and honest purposes of our town officers; we have no reason to doubt that, and we unhesitatingly declare that we believe them upright and honorable, but they are not infallible. We may reasonably question, in any case, their judgment, their discretion, their memory. And if we even had perfect confidence in their superiority in all these respects, is that any reason why we should not have a right and a wish to know what they have done under the trust reposed in them, and with the money confided to them? What any incorporated company, or any business house, or any Court of Equity or even any private individual, be satisfied with any such returns for confidence placed and treasure entrusted? Allow that we have been fortunate in the selection of trustworthy men and in the tendency with which they hold on generally to

their offices, are we sure that the town will continue to have such good luck?

It is better to adhere to right principles. It is not wise to experiment, but do business on sound well-established business principles. And then, we insist upon it, it is both right and safe and wise, that those who appoint the stewards and entrust them with their treasures should steadily demand from their agents a full, clear and well-authenticated account of their stewardship. We defer till another week an account of the Republican Caucus Meeting.

## THE LATE TOWN ELECTION.

Bloomfield is rightly said to be "an easy going place," whatever that may mean. Her people are not only peaceful but they don't like to take any trouble. They seem predisposed to quietude, and would rather suffer wrong than to take much trouble to right themselves; they would bear a good deal of imposition rather than endure the excitement of railing at it, or attempting to put it down. Burglaries rarely occur here; we don't just know why, for we are sure very little effort would be made to recover the stolen property or arrest the villains, as it would involve considerable nervous trepidation.

We speak of native citizens, who, being largely in the majority, give of course the character to the place. New comers may in time be numerous enough to work a change. Such instances as that of Mr. Broughton's tussle with a sneaking thief the other night—his seizure of his heel, his hurdle race after him, and his final escape cannot be frequent here until we receive a larger proportion of Yankees or Knickerbocker blood and pluck in our citizenship.

These remarks are not to be considered as disparaging but as explanatory of the apathy which stays the hand of progress and improvement, and acquiesces in admitted wrongs because it costs some pains and trouble to establish the right. Our readers who were aware of the farce perpetrated in the canvass of votes at our late town election will readily understand the application and fitness of the foregoing reflections.

Considerable indignation was manifested when the many that felt an interest in that election discovered that in violation of the law the ballot box was in the hands of candidates for office; that they, unauthorized by adequate appointment and unsworn to responsibility, put their hands into the box, drew out and read the ballots as they should interpret and tally as they should hear—and this continued through six or eight weary hours.

Who should doubt that our virtuous community would instantly demand that such an election should be set aside and a new election ordered? But the little flurry of dissatisfaction was overcome or allayed by a general feeling of unwillingness to take any course that would imply a doubt of the uprightness and infallibility of the election in the faire.

The principles involved in this matter are too momentous and too sacred to be trifled with. We feel compelled to record our personal dissent from this discreditable proceeding.

## HOME MATTERS.

## BLOOMFIELD.

## WEATHER CHRONICLE.

Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre.

March 1 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

7 A.M. 14° 22° 26° 29° 34° 44° 50°

Average through the day.

19° 28° 31° 35° 42° 52° 50°

A full attendance of the Officers and Managers of the Ladies' Relief Committee of Bloomfield, is required at the next meeting, to be held at the residence of Mrs. Samuel Carl, on Tuesday the 24th instant at 3 o'clock P. M.

Mr. R. N. DODD, Sec'y.

Treasurer's Report of Ladies' Relief Society, for week ending 17th March, 1874.—

Receipts, John H. Cadmus, \$1; or, or, \$3.

Disbursements, \$65.53. Mr. I. Cairns two

donations of groceries.

Miss A. L. WADP, Treas'r.

An Entertainment will be given by the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church, at the Parsonage, on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, March 25th and 26th.

Supper on the restaurant plan from 6 to 10 o'clock on both evenings. Admission 10 cents.

• EPICLIAN.—This Society held their regular semi-monthly meeting on Monday evening last. Though the membership is not fully represented as could be desired, yet the meeting was exceedingly interesting and profitable. The member appointed as Critic upon the former meeting, read a just and able paper. Then followed a well arranged programme, the leading feature of which was an essay by Mr. John Baldwin upon the "Treaty of Verona," provoking interesting remarks and discussion.

The Legislature has passed a bill incorporating the Mabel Sociable of Bloomfield.

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MONTCLAIR.

## STREET IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. C. W. MILLIS' proposal to make a hard road on Fullerton Avenue from its Southern line to Bloomfield Avenue has developed a spirit of needed improvement that proves infectious. Dr. Pinkham has made an earnest move to interest the people in having the good work carried on around the corner on Church street, at least as far as the crossing to the Presbyterian Church. Wm. Jacobus offers to head the list with a round sum and it will be liberally supported by others. When these two works are completed, that central corner will indeed be one of the centres of attraction in this beautiful village.

EXCHANGE OF PULPITS.—Rev. A. H. Bradford, pastor of the Congregational Church here, with the cordial assent of his people, has agreed to exchange pulpits with Rev. J. D. Eaton, pastor of the Congregational Church of Portland, Oregon, for some four or six months after the first Sabbath in May. The proposition originated with Mr. Eaton, who has personal reasons for wishing to spend a few months at the East, and as Mr. Bradford's people feel that he needs a little recuperating travel and repose, it is thought to be a very pleasant arrangement for both Ministers, without working any special detriment to either church. We hear Mr. Eaton spoken of as an able preacher and an agreeable pastor.

CONTINUED SALE.—On the 2nd of April Mr. Henning proposes to sell at auction 16 splendid lots of land on Valley Road and Central Avenue.

CASUALTY.—Samuel Bolia, a colored man in the employ of Taylor Bros. &amp; Co., was caught between some cars on Monday last and slightly injured.

CONCERT.—In the notice of the Kindergarten in last issue, the reception hours for visitors should have read on Friday mornings from 9 to 12.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

EQUITABLE TAXATION.—Our Correspondent, E. R. M., in his able communication, in another column, opens again a subject of grave importance to our citizens, as well we presume in Montclair as in Bloomfield. Americans will bear any just burdens equally distributed, but their early education and life long professions compel them to protest resolutely against the imposition of excessive taxes unnecessarily levied or inequitably and unfairly apportioned. This question is not new in our columns. Our readers will remember several articles upon it in the GAZETTE last year. We thank our esteemed correspondent for his timely, well written and logical communication, which we trust will receive, as it deserves, the earnest consideration of all thoughtful citizens. Let the subject be discussed. We venture to suggest the queries—Who approves the properties of the town? On what principle and by what rules does he discriminate between the land comprised in a thirty acre lot, or a fifty acre lot, and several two acre lots, located between them, and all in the Lamp District? Why should owners of large tracts whose pride or cupidity prompt them to hold on to their lands—farms they would have the Assessor call them—escape the same relative valuation that smaller adjoining properties are assessed?

We will gladly admit any fair statements and discussions on this important subject.

## CALDWELL.

## [From our Regular Correspondent.]

CALDWELL, March 14, 1874.

Quite a flurry has been created here, of late, by the proposed division of the township. The movement, however, lacks the inherent power of practicability, and, on this account, I think, will fail of accomplishing its object. "Secession" is not a popular delusion hereabouts. Somehow or other, there is nothing euphonious in the ring of the word, nor promising melody in its practical development. It has a harsh, grating sound to the ear, even when pronounced with all the patriotic eloquence which distinguished its evanescent history in '61. The fact is, a new Township here, like the "Southern Confederacy," is only a creature of mistaken fancy.

We will have an existence in the imagination but will not be recognized in the County Record, for a long time to come.

Beside, if I am correctly informed, its conception is merely the work of a few, who do not represent the feelings or interest of the majority. The question submitted to the popular vote of the township, would lose even the significance that now attaches to it. Neither would such a vote, affirmatively sustained, result advantageously to the newly-created township.

The topography of this village is peculiarly pleasing. A beautiful valley of some eight miles in length here expands for three miles into a plain of half a mile wide, furnishing a level for the compact part of the village. Here the old town stands. On either side of this plain the hills rise with a graded slope to the height of 1000 feet above the plain of the village. These hill sides and tops furnish most beautiful Villa Sites which in many instances have been improved by fine residences stretching along on the West Side from Chestnut Hill along Ridgewood Ave., including twenty-five or thirty delightful homes. And on the East Side from near "The Canal Place" almost to Waterville, including about as many more. These elevated sites command magnificent views and are within a few minutes walk of the Centre which embraces the Schools, Churches, Stores, Post Office and Rail Road Stations.

There are two streams that traverse the Valley supplying a moderate but useful water power and inviting the establishment of manufactures. The Morris Canal also passes through the whole length of the town.

Mr. EUGENE, I did not intend to spin this out so long and yet I see I have not said much to the purpose. I hope others will write of the picturesque scenery, of the romantic walks and fine drives, of the unsurpassed salubrity of the climate, of the facilities of three Rail Roads, two daily mails and telegraph, and of our short distance from the cities of Newark and New-York, &amp;c.

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Yours truly

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## NEWS ITEMS.

## DEATH OF THE INVENTOR OF THE SHARPE RIFLE.—Christian Sharpe, the in-

ventor of the famous Sharpe rifle, died

suddenly at his residence in Vernon, Conn.

last week of hemorrhage of the lungs; at

the age of sixty-three years. He was a

native of New Jersey.

WOMAN SUPPLY IN RHODE ISLAND.—

The article to be submitted to the people

of Rhode Island, as an amendment to their

Constitution, which passed the House of

Representatives by a vote of 44 to 17 on

Tuesday, reads thus: "Men and women,

politically and legally, shall be entitled to

equal rights and privileges, and shall be

subject to equal duties and liabilities."

THE GROWTH OF TIMBER.—The House

concurred in the Senate amendments to

the bill providing for the encouragement

of the growth of timber on the Western

prairies, and passed the bill.

STATUE OF FARRAGUT.—The House

Committee on Public Grounds reported a

bill appointing a commission to select the

site of Farragut.

The bill dividing the County of Essex,

has not passed, but was indefinitely post-

poned by a vote of 31 to 25.

The writer of this article.

Other agreements and

theories are advanced by land owners to

show why they should be favored, but such

arguments are the purest sophistry and not

entitled to moment's consideration. The

theory of *equal taxation on all property*

(that of churches and educational institu-

tions excepted) is the only true one.

The fact is patent to all that the many

acres of valuable land go comparatively